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Final performance report of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the final performance report of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti.

The report contains information on reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments, expenditures, cash position and unpaid assessed contributions.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly is set out in paragraph 1 of the report.

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I. Overview

Table 1
Overview of performance
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Expenditures reported in performance reports*	*Actual expenditures*	*Variance*
Gross requirements	118 743.6	114 907.6	(3 836.0)
Income from staff assessment	(5 045.7)	(5 045.7)	-
Net requirements	113 697.9	109.861.9	(3 836.0)

1. For the detailed reasons explained in paragraphs 14 to 22 below, the action to be taken by the General Assembly in respect of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH), the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH) and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) is as follows: to decide to temporarily suspend the provisions of financial regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) in respect of the remaining surplus of $4,000,200 ($3,978,900 net), in the light of the cash shortage in the special account of the missions.

II. Introduction

Establishment of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

2. By its resolution 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, the Security Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti. The mandate of the Mission, which had an authorized strength of 600 military personnel and 300 civilian police, consisted of: (a) assisting the Government of Haiti in the professionalization of the Haitian National Police; (b) assisting the Government of Haiti in the maintenance of a secure and stable environment conducive to establishing and training an effective national police force; and (c) supporting the role of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the coordination of activities by the United Nations system to promote institution-building, national reconciliation and economic rehabilitation in Haiti.

3. The personnel referred to in paragraph 2 above were supplemented by 800 troops financed by the Trust Fund for the enhancement of the capacity of UNSMIH. The mandate of the Support Mission ended on 31 July 1997.

4. By its resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period ending on 30 November 1997. By the same resolution, the Council decided that UNTMIH would assume responsibility for all elements and assets of UNSMIH remaining in Haiti to deploy as appropriate until they were withdrawn. The mandate of UNTMIH was to assist the Government of Haiti by supporting and contributing to the professionalization of the Haitian National Police. The authorized strength of UNTMIH consisted of 50 military personnel and 250 civilian police. The 250 civilian police element shifted its tasks to the training of three of the specialized

units of the National Police. The 50 military personnel formed the headquarters of a security element to ensure the safety and freedom of movement of the United Nations personnel implementing the mandate.

5. In addition to the personnel included in the UNTMIH budget, as indicated in paragraph 4 above, 1,145 contingent personnel were provided under the Trust Fund for the enhancement of the capacity of the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti.

6. By its resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, the Security Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti and decided that MIPONUH would assume responsibility for those UNTMIH personnel and United Nations-owned assets required for its use in the fulfilment of its mandate. The mandate of MIPONUH was to continue to assist the Government of Haiti by supporting and contributing to the professionalization of the Haitian National Police. MIPONUH was to oversee the technical assistance to the Haitian National Police funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and was to cooperate closely with the joint Civilian Mission for the United Nations and the Organization of American States (MICIVIH). MIPONUH had an authorized strength of 300 civilian police, including a 90-strong formed rapid reaction unit with its own 50-person support group. The civilian police were to give special emphasis to assistance at the supervisory levels and to training specialized units of the National Police force and would, periodically and in selected areas, continue to monitor the performance of the Haitian National Police, guide agents in their day-to-day duties and maintain close coordination with technical advisers to the Haitian National Police funded by UNDP. The mandate of MIPONUH ended on 15 March 2000.

7. In its resolution 52/246 of 26 June 1998, the General Assembly decided to continue to use the special account for UNSMIH, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996, for UNTMIH and MIPONUH.

Liquidation of the missions

8. The liquidation activities, including disposal of assets, were carried out during the period from 16 March to 30 September 2000. In its resolution 55/269 of 14 June 2001, the General Assembly authorized an amount of $164,200 gross ($142,900 net) from the resources provided for the period ending 30 June 2000 in order to meet the cost of completing the liquidation tasks at Headquarters. The report on the final disposition of the assets of UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH is contained in document A/55/667, dated 4 December 2000.

III. Voluntary contributions and trust funds

Table 2
Voluntary contributions
(United States dollars)

Government	*Contribution*	*Value*
Canada	Sanitation materials	[a]
Cyprus	Cash	1 031
United States of America	Helicopter operations	4 765 400

[a] Value not quantified.

Table 3
Trust funds
(United States dollars)

	Receipts	*Expenditure*
Trust Fund for the enhancement of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti		
31 July 1996 to 31 July 1997	31 882 902	24 881 253
Trust Fund for the enhancement of the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti		
29 August 1997 to 30 November 1997	9 298 700	9 225 155
Total	**41 181 602**	**34 106 408**

IV. Status of reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments

Troop contributors

9. The Governments of Bangladesh, Canada, Pakistan and Trinidad and Tobago provided troops to UNSMIH. The Governments of Canada and Pakistan provided troops to UNTMIH. A formed police unit was provided to MIPONUH by the Government of Argentina.

Status of reimbursement

10. Full reimbursement of troop and formed police unit costs has been made.

V. Contingent-owned equipment

Method of reimbursement

11. In section 1, paragraph 4, of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, the General Assembly reiterated that, for missions activated prior to 1 July 1996, countries had the option to accept reimbursement under either the new or the old

reimbursement methodology. Of the four Governments which provided contingent-owned equipment to UNSMIH, two opted for reimbursement under the old arrangements and two for the new arrangements.

12. The two Governments which provided equipment to MIPONUH opted for reimbursement under the new arrangements.

Status of reimbursement

13. Full reimbursement for user charges has been made. However, an amount of $0.4 million in unliquidated obligations has been retained in the UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH special account to settle outstanding claims for losses of contingent-owned equipment.

VI. Financial performance report

14. A total of $133,034,216 gross ($126,944,616 net) was appropriated by the General Assembly for the operation of UNSMIH, UNTMIH and MIPONUH.

15. Expenditures amounting to $118,743,600 gross ($113,697,900 net) excluding budgeted voluntary contributions in kind in the amount of $4,765,400 were accounted for in the performance reports dated 1 April 1998 (A/52/854), 23 December 1998 (A/53/769), 16 February 2000 (A/54/757), and 30 January 2001 (A/55/753), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $14,290,616 gross ($13,246,716 net). Decisions were taken by the General Assembly on the treatment of all reported unencumbered balances, including the retention of $164,200 gross ($142,900 net) from the resources provided for the period ending 30 June 2000, in order to meet the cost of completing the liquidation tasks at Headquarters.

16. Additional unencumbered balances totalling $3,836,000 resulted from the cancellation of obligations ($4,118,000), offset by additional requirements of $282,000 in respect of prior period adjustments ($225,000) and expenditures for the liquidation period ending 30 June 2000 ($57,000).

17. As can be seen from table 4 below, as at 31 December 2001 the balance of appropriations amounted to $4,000,200 gross ($3,978,900 net).

Table 4
Summary of resources as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*
1. Appropriations	133 034 216	126 944 616
2. Expenditures	114 907 600	109 861 900
Total, 1 less 2	**18 126 616**	**17 082 716**
3. Credits applied to Member States	14 126 416	13 103 816
4. Balance of appropriations	**4 000 200**	**3 978 900**

18. As at 31 December 2001, there were outstanding liabilities amounting to $18.5 million which cannot be paid given the shortage of cash in the UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH special account. The cash position in relation to amounts owed is shown in table 5 below.

Table 5
Financial position as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

Cash balance	**9 801 000**
Cash requirements	
Unliquidated obligations	926 000
Amounts in accounts payable	515 000
Inter-fund balances payable	16 900 000
Other liabilities	191 000
Subtotal	**18 532 000**
Operating deficit	(8 731 000)

19. The cash shortage referred to in paragraph 18 above is primarily due to unpaid assessed contributions. An inter-fund settlement was subsequently made between the UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH and UNMIH special accounts. The settlement reduced the cash balance and inter-fund balance payable by $7.5 million each, but had no impact on the missions' operating deficit.

20. The status of unpaid assessed contributions is as shown in table 6 below.

Table 6
Status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

Unpaid assessed contributions	19 804 514

21. All cash resources that were recorded in the UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH special account, including interest income, miscellaneous income and voluntary contributions in cash, have been utilized to meet the operational requirements of the missions. A summary of other income is provided in table 7 below for information purposes.

Table 7
Other income as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

Voluntary contributions in cash	1 031
Interest income	3 344 000
Miscellaneous income	3 912 000

22. In view of the shortage of cash resources in the UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH special account, the concurrence of the General Assembly is sought to suspend temporarily the provisions of financial regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) in respect of the remaining surplus of $4,000,200 gross ($3,978,900 net).